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Council President Marks Arbor Day, Plants Trees in University City

SAN DIEGO -- Council President Scott Peters joined County Supervisor Ron Roberts, the University City Community Association, the Village Garden Club of La Jolla, Aztec Landscaping and residents of University City on April 28 to celebrate Arbor Day by planting eleven new trees in University City.

The Village Garden Club of La Jolla donated eleven Jacaranda trees, eight of which were planted along Governor Drive. An additional three Jacarandas will provide a splash of color at the University City park-and-ride, at Governor Drive and Interstate 805. The Village Garden Club has donated over 1200 trees to the City as part of their Jacaranda Tree Project since 1986.

Peters applauded the City's efforts to expand its urban forest. "Trees not only enhance the beauty of our neighborhoods; they contribute to the City's economic prosperity and help improve our environment." Peters continued, "My thanks to the City's Urban Forestry Section, the University City Community Association, the Village Club and Supervisor Roberts for making our urban forest a priority."

A \$3,000 grant from the office of County Supervisor Ron Roberts covered the costs of planting and will fund watering and maintenance for one year.

The Jacaranda is the official urban tree of the City of San Diego.